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## FANWOOD

The accompanying poem comes from the pen of Mrs. Adele Clerc Ogden as her Easter message to friends. Mrs. Ogden, the only surviving granddaughter of Laurent Clerc, resides at Wilton, Conn., and is now in her eighty-eighth year.

### EASTER

Rejoice! Rejoice! Lift up your hearts in praise  
To greet the Risen Lord this Day of days!  
Death's night is past, the morn of Life hath dawned.  
The pains and sorrows of Christ's life are over,  
And having finished what He came to do,  
He laid aside the burden of the flesh  
In the safe keeping of the silent tomb,  
And took, from toil, a Sabbath day of rest.  
His presence in the darkness of that tomb,  
Transformed it from the dreadful bed of death

Into a gateway to Eternal Life;  
For by His "Precious Death and Burial,  
And Glorious Resurrection" He insured  
A path of safety from the curse of sin  
To the bright realms of everlasting Life.  
The while His Body slept in silent grave,  
He gave to souls in prison, words of Life,  
Thus finishing His work for all Eternity.

Now, Victor over death, He reigns, and all  
Who seek Him and accept His Sacrifice,  
May claim Him as their Saviour and their God,  
And worship Him with all the hosts of heaven.

O ye, who in the wilderness have kept  
With Him, the days of fasting and of prayer,  
Have climbed with Him to Calvary's mountain height,  
And knelt in awe, before the suffering Saviour there,  
Awake! Look up! and with glad voices sing  
Death hath no more dominion over Him."  
Sing Alleluias with exultant voice,  
And in adoring hearts Rejoice! Rejoice!

ADELE R. C. OGDEN

1936.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Max Abbott, father of our pupil, Daniel Abbott, for preparing a section of our Chapel wall for a projection screen. Mr. Abbott very kindly did this work during the Easter holidays and did it without any expense to us. The new screen permits the enlargement of our motion pictures more than twice the area of the old screen. The motion pictures will be much clearer and larger and the strain of watching them will be materially reduced.

Mr. Abbott has a splendid reputation as a decorator and painter, having decorated some of the new buildings at Yale University.

We take this means of thanking Mr. Abbott for his work.

V. O. S.

Last week the children of the Primary Department enjoyed the usual Easter festivities. Egg coloring was the principal form of amusement during the rainy days.

The Easter bunny left a pretty basket of colored eggs and chickens for each child. The baskets had been hidden in places not too difficult to find.

At the same hour that the White House Egg Rolling contest was in progress on Easter Monday, our little boys were seen on the green participating in the same sport.

This week the boys have been trying their skill at kite making and flying. Ernest Martin was most successful in the kite flying contest.

Superintendent and Mrs. Skyberg left on Monday morning, April 20th, to attend the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, being held during April 21st to 25th, at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Edgewood, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The following letter of appreciation was received a few days after the Fanwood boys marched in the Army Day parade on the afternoon of April 4th. It was sent by Major B. A. Tintner, Chaplain, Reserve Corps, U. S. A.—

Dear Capt. Skyberg:

I am anxious to let you know how grateful I feel towards you and your boys for the fine showing they had made last Saturday in the Parade. Your band is a most efficient one and its participation helped to contribute a great deal of dignity to the occasion. The boys are fine musicians and know how to play for a parade. I want you to know, my dear Capt. Skyberg, how grateful the members of the Committee are to you for your interest in the cause of national defense.

With assurances of my sense of appreciation and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. TINTNER,  
Major (Ch-Res.)

The Intramural Baseball Tournament will begin when daylight saving time goes into effect. The games will be played after supper during the free play time and will be known as "Twilight League." The winning team will receive medals, second place and third place will receive a watermelon feast.

Spring football practice will get under way this week. The purpose is to give as many boys as possible a practical knowledge of the game. The practice sessions will not attempt to develop "high powered" football teams, but will endeavor to give instruction to boys who are not physically able or lack the ability to make the squad.

The schedule for the Varsity baseball team has been completed. This year we have established new athletic relationship with Harrison High School of Harrison, N. Y., and have extended our basketball contact to baseball with Davis High School of Mount Vernon. This season will also see the American School for the Deaf at our field. The schedule:

April 25—10 A.M.—Practice game

2 P.M.—Practice game

May 9.—Hartford School for the Deaf—Home

May 13.—St. Joseph's School for the Deaf—Home

May 22.—Harrison High School—Away

May 23.—New Jersey School for the Deaf—Home

May 27.—Davis High School—Away.

On Wednesday, April 22d, the first of a series of Intramural track events took place. Details will be published next week.

## Study of Deaf Pupils Reveals Their Fears

Results of a survey of the personalities of 2,000 partly deaf children in fifty-eight elementary schools in this city, conducted by Dr. Rudolph Pintner of Teachers College, Columbia University, with the assistance of WPA research workers, were announced recently.

Children who are hard of hearing, Dr. Pintner said, are more introverted, more subject to fears and less well-adjusted emotionally than pupils with normal hearing. A more detailed study will be made, he revealed, to discover what effect different degrees of deafness have on the personality.

When the analysis is completed a program of training to enable partly deaf pupils to adjust themselves more favorably to their environment will be undertaken, he added. Information obtained will be submitted to the principals for use by teachers in meeting the special problems of the pupils.—N. Y. Times.

## NEW YORK CITY

### ST. ANN'S NOTES

Last week was marked by two events celebrating the Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Parish Aid Society of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf. On the Thursday after Easter there was a dinner of the W. P. A. S. members, in the Guild House, and on the next Sunday there was a special service in the church.

The dinner, which took place at 7 o'clock in the evening, was a home-cooked affair, the preparations being done by Mrs. John N. Funk and her mother, Mrs. Grossman, with others of the family to assist. The menu was excellent, and the cooking was highly satisfactory. Tables were set in the auditorium in the basement of the Guild House, and places were reserved for over fifty members of the W. P. A. S. Two non-members were present as guests—Miss Amelia E. Berry and the Rev. G. C. Brad-dock.

The long tables, which were placed in the form of an open square, were beautifully decorated with yellow and blue crepe paper hangings, and with the monogram of the W. P. A. S. On the center table were two little dolls, dressed in the fashions of 1906 and 1936, and a large cake with thirty little candles arranged in the form of the numerals 30. After the dessert course, the ladies were presented with favors in the form of artificial flower boutonnieres, and speeches were made. Mrs. Gertrude Kent, charter member and the lone survivor of the original board of officers of the W. P. A. S., sketched the early history of the society in the year of its founding. She was the first vice-president, and holds that office at present. Miss Eleanor Sherman, president of the society, added some facts of later history. The secretary, Mrs. B. V. Baca, read a letter from the Men's Club of St. Ann's Church, tendering congratulations to the W. P. A. S. on the attainment of their thirtieth anniversary. Miss Elizabeth Gallaudet gave some reminiscences of the Gallaudet family which were of great interest; and later presented to Miss Myra L. Barrager the W. P. A. S. pin which had been the property of Virginia B. Gallaudet, the founder and first president of the society. The Rev. Braddock spoke on the other spheres. In the course of her speech, Mrs. Kent exhibited one of the infants' caps that were made by the Maternity Chapter of the W. P. A. S. thirty years ago.

The dinner was followed by a card party and social to which the members of the Men's Club and the husbands of W. P. A. S. members had been invited. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served. The committee in charge of this evening consisted, so far as inquiries disclose, of Mesdames Funk, Nies, Baca, Kent, Carr, C. Olsen, and Misses Sherman and Barrager. Excellent work was done by the committee. The waiting at table was done by Messrs. Louis Radlein, Harry Jackson, Nicholas Cairano, and Henry Brown.

At the special service on Sunday the 19th of April, addresses were made after the service of Evening Prayer by Miss Amelia B. Berry on the subject "Women in the Parish;" by the Rev. Arthur H. Judge, D. D., on "Our Parish Thirty Years Ago;" and by the Rev. Frederick Burgess on "The Founder of the W.P.A.S.—Miss Virginia B. Gallaudet." A

wealth of instruction and counsel was given the congregation in these three addresses. Miss Elizabeth Gallaudet interpreted. A plate offering was taken for the Altar Flowers Fund of the W. P. A. S.

### EPHPHETA SOCIETY

Leap Year was served at the business meeting of Ephpheta Society. With President Lynch absent because of duties coaching the cast of "The Hurricane" for the Theatre Guild, Catherine Gallagher and Mae Austrat alternated in the chair. And both did remarkably well, and efficiently, too.

The Easter Festival and Fashion Show came off Sunday night and an enjoyable time was had by all. Games with eggs were the feature of the evening. The winners were: Egg-picking race, Mrs. Fisher and J. Taplin; Egg Race, John Curry and Grace Gallagher; Dart-Throwing, Catherine Gallagher and Frank Falanco; Fashion Show, Catherine Gallagher. This affair was under the direction of Mrs. Molly Higgins, assisted by Herbert Carroll, Marie Vitti, Edward Bonvillain and Paul Gaffney.

The Clarence Wilsons were hosts to the Rotation Club on Friday evening, April 3d. The winners at cards were Five Hundred, Frank Rubano, James Ciccone, Bunco, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Costello; Non-player, Mrs. John Grant. At Catherine Gallagher's the next week, the winners were: Five Hundred, Abraham Kruger, Louis Albertine; Bunco, Dorothy Ryan, Dan Lynch; Non-players, Charles Spitaleri, Paul Gaffney. On the 17th Mr. and Mrs. Frank Falanco entertained. The winners were Bunco, Louis Albertine, Dorothy Ryan; Five Hundred, Charles Spitaleri and N. Sanfilippo; Non-players, Herbert Carroll, Charles Spitaleri and Catherine Gallagher.

The society will soon have a bowling league functioning, and will also be ready to take on any clubs in the city and elsewhere. Ephpheta bowlers will be under the captaincy of Paul Gaffney, regarded as one of the invincibles around town. The Union League is the first to take up our challenge. Herb Carroll is sponsoring a league for the Union League.

Mr. John F. O'Brien suffered a stroke at the home of his daughter in Hollis, L. I., and was removed to St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, in an ambulance.

The mother of Paul DiAnno had the misfortune to fall and injure her kneecap last Saturday night.

Sunday, April 19th, Mr. Rafael Cintron, chess champion of Puerto Rico, and one of the participants in the recent preliminaries for the United States championship, gave an exhibition of simultaneous play against 18 opponents of the Cuba Chess Club. James Ciccone, representing the Uptown Chess Club, was one of the few to score a draw against him. Francisco E. Font, the only other deaf player present, made a costly error of judgment and was forced to resign at the 24th move.

Mr. Reuben Tonick, of the Bronx, jumped out of a window and was killed. He was married, and seemingly happy, therefore his friends cannot account for his act, unless he did it in his sleep. He was well liked in deaf circles. Sympathy is extended to his wife in her sorrow.

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## CHICAGOLAND

An interesting figure, Robert O. Blair, who died at age of 51, on April 5th, in Miami Beach, Fla., received no finer expression of tribute than contained in the parting address by Bro. A. L. Roberts, grand president of National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, at funeral services at Blair Mansion, 4933 Woodlawn Avenue, April 10th. Following are Mr. Roberts' words of farewell:

In speaking these words in memory of our friend Robert, I am sure you feel as I do, that we have parted from a good and loyal friend, one whom we loved and admired for the sterling qualities of his heart.

He has been taken from among us in the prime of life, when these qualities of heart were becoming more and more apparent. We are the poorer in this loss of a good friend and willing worker. He has left us, as all men must, for

Man is as grass that springeth up at morn,  
Grows green, and is cut down and withereth  
Ere nightfall, But hope comes, reborn,  
We rejoice: "O, Death, where is thy Sting?—  
O Grave, where is thy Victory?"

In the life of this city, and elsewhere, the deaf have their organizations, founded and conducted by themselves for their improvement and advancement: their clubs, their societies, their associations, and their churches. In all of these, our friend Robert was deeply interested. He took an active part in their affairs. He gave liberally of his time and means to advance them financially and otherwise. He was, in every sense of the term, a public spirited citizen who met his responsibilities fully and well.

Friend Robert possessed a spirit of buoyant good fellowship, a zest for life, spontaneous enthusiasms, a good heart without a trace of malice towards anyone. He was a devoted husband and a loving father. He was rearing an ideal family. He possessed many potential talents. To his friends he was true, to his acquaintances genial, to the poor and unfortunate generous, to worthy causes eager to contribute his full share and more.

He joined the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf more than a decade ago, and at that time entered into the period of his widest popularity among his fellows. He was a loyal member who did his full share in conducting the affairs of his lodge, attended the national conventions of the order, and was always anxious to extend the benefits of the society to his fellow deaf.

While he was blessed with the means to gratify his tastes, and able to live in a manner befitting his worldly possessions, he never, in all my associations with him covering more than a decade, presumed to consider himself above the plane of the humblest among his friends and acquaintances. He was thoroughly democratic. He always wanted to be taken as an equal by his associates, and was. There was nothing of the snob in his make up.

To live honorably, to be true to one's friends and to one's self, to meet life's responsibilities with the best that is in one, to wish no man ill, to give of one's service and substance in order that life may be made more liveable for others, if these are qualities of heart that make this hard world a better place in which to live, then our friend Robert had all of these qualities in abundance. He did not live his life in vain, and we may say with Swinburne:

Life, sublime and serene when time had power upon it and ruled its breath,  
Changed it, bade it be glad or sad, and hear  
what change in the world's ear saith,  
Shines more fair in the starrier air whose  
glory lightens the dusk of death.

With sorrow we bid our friend Robert farewell. With sympathy our hearts go out to his devoted family. Their consolation will be the knowledge that he lived a good and helpful life, that he won the love and admiration of his fellow men.

Rev. G. F. Flick read the Episcopal burial office, and Rev. Dr. Kindred, of Christian Church, Englewood, Chicago, said prayers, followed by an address by A. L. Roberts. With grace undiminished by years, Mrs. Washington Barrow signed "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Now the Day is Over." Two interpreters accompanied them, Miss Dahl and Mrs. Constance Elmes, the latter volunteering her services, as the rooms in Blair residence were filled to overflowing, so that the words were relayed from the parlor into the dining room. The parlor background was banked deep with floral wreaths up to the ceiling, concealing entirely the familiar fireplace and book cases on either side. The pallbearers were A. L. Roberts, F. Neesam, H. Libbey, G. Sprague, C. Valdo-Bardeen, H. Perry, W. Barrow and B. Frank.

One car in the cortege to Mount Hope Cemetery contained as many inmates of the Illinois Home for the Aged Deaf as it could, a tribute to his well-known steadfast generosity to the Home. At the grave Mr. Neesam left a parting word full of eloquence that moved all mourners to tears.

Robert O. Blair was born in Chicago, April 1, 1885. Becoming deaf from scarlet fever at age of 3, he was sent to McCowen Oral School, then a private school founded around 1900, where he remained for ten years since the age of six. He entered Chicago Manual Training School, which later was renamed University High School, located on the grounds of University of Chicago. Although he studied three years at that place, he left to enter Art Institute, Chicago, where he completed a full four-year course and received his diploma. He readily obtained a position as a commercial artist, but because his salary remained stationary after a few years, he removed to E. B. Millar & Co., his father's establishment, a wholesale coffee warehouse at 426 West Grand Avenue. He was employed there in a clerical capacity ever since for nearly twenty-five years.

For many years he belonged to only one club, Saturday Evening Club, until March 1, 1926, when he joined Chicago Division, No. 1, in order to be one of the charter members of Chicago Division, No. 106. As soon as it was installed, he transferred to it April 24, 1926. The columnist, the founder of No. 106, has a happy recollection of having Blair sign the application for \$3,000 insurance from N. F. S. D. just to celebrate the birth of his last child. He first became a charter chairman of board of trustees of No. 106, for three years, then vice-president for the year 1929, and again trustee for the term of 3 years, starting 1934, and had 8 months to go when he died. He was also elected an alternate to Kansas City Convention of July, 1935. He attended two other previous conventions at Denver and Boston. The members of Chicago Division, No. 106, always felt that he was one of them at all times for he proved his spirit of sportsmanship in races for office. If he was defeated, he showed no chagrin nor resentment, even if he wanted the office with all his heart. During his membership he donated \$100 to that division, also a seal when it started. One time he managed a Japanese party, a purely local affair, when there was but one month to go, and netted \$80. It was at Lake Shore Hall in the north side.

The columnist, while acting as an auditor for various organizations to which he belonged, came across so many-time contributions from R. O. Blair that he was struck by the very fact of modest quietness with which he showed generosity that refused to discriminate. He rarely spoke of his acts. When the writer asked Mrs. Blair for the list of these acts, she admitted helplessly that she could not keep track.

This fact that he wished to treat all alike is borne out by the announcement in Chicago Tribune of April 16th, that his will was filed. He bequeathed \$1000 each to Illinois Home for Aged and Deaf, 4539 South Parkway; the Illinois School for the Deaf at Jacksonville, and the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delavan, Wis. The will named the widow, Mrs. Rilla S. Blair, beneficiary of a trust fund, consisting of the remainder of Blair's estate.

At the funeral of Mr. Blair, many visitors from outside Chicago were present, the most notable being Mrs. Ward Small from Los Angeles, Cal., who flew by air to attend it. She was a bosom friend of the family, her presence having good effect on Mrs. Blair. Mrs. Small planned to leave Sunday night, April 19th. Mrs. Burke, sister of R. O. Blair, was another coming from New York City. Mrs. Frederick Wirt and also Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Knauff, Jr., came

from Aurora. A considerable number came from Wisconsin.

The direct cause of Mr. Blair's death, to make information exact, was meningitis, and the contributory causes included diabetes mellitus and other factors.

The Splash Party is going ahead with full zest for Chicago, N. A. D. Convention Fund, to take place at Lincoln Turner Hall, 1019 Diversy Parkway, May 2d, in the evening. There are two separate parties at the same place, one for swimming from 7:30 to 10 and old-fashioned racing games after, and the other for cards and bunco. The admission for the dip is 40 cents and the other 35 cents. Back of this lively affair are Arthur Shawls, Ralph Webers, Fred Lee, Vito Vallone, Irene Crafton, Anna Smith and Mrs. Henry Bruns.

In this column the Local Committee of Chicago 1937 N. A. D. Convention takes opportunity to acknowledge with deep appreciation the donations, either cash, prizes or food, to various parties given for the Convention Fund starting from New Year Eve Party to the latest party. Here-with is the list of donors:

**New Year Eve Party, December 31, 1935:** Mrs. Charles Dore, Mrs. Shawl, Mrs. Livshis, Mrs. Meagher, Virginia Dries, Jack Seipp and Robey Burns.

**Yanzito Party, January 12, 1936:** Mrs. J. Meagher, Mrs. La Tremouille, Miss Lanigan, Marie and Betty Yanzito, Mrs. Herron, Mrs. Livshis, Mrs. Emory Horn, Mrs. Louis Korasek, Mrs. Ursin, Virginia Dries, Mrs. Ann Shawl, Mrs. Pekin.

**Opening Wedge Night, February 1, 1936:** Mrs. Hyman Frankel, Irene Crafton, Mrs. Crocker, Miss Meda Krauel, Fred Lee, Mrs. Shawl, Mrs. Livshis, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Libbey, Mrs. Hinrichs, Mr. Krauel, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Meagher, Jack Seipp, Fred Lee, Mrs. E. Carlson, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Mahr, A. E. Arnot, Mrs. Ben Herron, Pearl Peterson, Betty Yanzito, Marie Yanzito and Virginia Dries.

**Valentine Party, February 14, 1936:** Justine Bettag, Mrs. A. Shawl, Mrs. Hagemayer, Mrs. Fred Lee, Mrs. W. McGann, Miss V. Dries, Miss Flora Herzberg, Mrs. Christina Riba, Mrs. Herron, Mr. Gordon Rice, Mrs. R. Weber, Fred Lee, Mrs. Erichson, Charles Krauel, and Mrs. R. Weber.

**St. Patrick's Party, March 14, 1936:** Mrs. Dahl, Mrs. Dore, Mrs. Lorenz, Mrs. Smolk, Jennie Reid, Mrs. Libbey, Brasher, Mrs. Ursin, Mrs. Crocker, Rose Budd, Mr. B. Frank, Mrs. Greenheck, Mrs. Herron, Mrs. Maher, Mrs. L. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Blair.

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## Syracuse, N. Y.

Rev. H. C. Merrill, who has for several weeks been suffering from an infected foot, has been able to resume his regular schedule of services and preached at Buffalo on Easter morning. In the afternoon he was at Rochester and in the evening at Syracuse.

Mrs. George Root is making a satisfactory recovery from an operation on her tonsils, which she underwent several weeks ago. For a time she was quite ill. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn MacRae, nee Helen Root, of Buffalo, spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Root.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dingman are the proud parents of a baby girl born March 21st. They were married a year ago.

The members of the Syracuse Bowling Team, who will participate in the tournament at Cleveland, O., on April 18th, are Carl Strail, Thomas Hinchey and Frank Lenn.

Mrs. Grace Kenyon, of Baldwinsville, has secured a position at the Flah Store in Syracuse. This store is one of the finest in the city and Mrs. Kenyon is to be congratulated on being able to hold her own in competition with the hearing public.

Mr. John Sears and family motored to Binghamton on April 10th, where Mrs. Sears and two her daughters spent a week with her parents.

The Syracuse Division, N. F. S. D., have leased new club rooms in the Larned Building, where they were located several years ago. The building has been thoroughly remodeled in every respect. Being more centrally located, it will be much easier of access for visiting Frats.

PITTI-SING.

## All Angels' Church for the Deaf (Episcopal)

1151 Leland Ave. Chicago, Illinois  
(One block north of Wilson Ave. "L" station, and one-half block west).  
Rev. GEORGE F. FLICK, Priest-in-charge.  
MR. FREDRICK W. HINRICHES, Lay-Reader  
Church services, every Sunday at 11 A.M., Holy Communion, first and third Sundays of each month.  
Social Supper, second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 P.M., with entertainment following at 8 P.M.  
Get-together socials at 8 P.M., all other Wednesdays. (Use Racine Ave. entrance, Minister's address, 6336 Kenwood Avenue)

## Central Oral Club, Chicago

Organized 1908—Incorporated 1925  
The Oldest Club for the Oral Deaf in Chicago. Socials and Cards Second Sunday of each month from September to and including June. Entree: 7:30 P.M. Atlantic Hotel, 316 South Clark Street, Hall K, Mezzanine Floor. Convenient location and transportation.  
Send all communications to Mrs. Sadie McElroy, 227 Englewood Ave. (Apt. 210), Chicago, Ill.

## Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf

4750 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.  
Organized December, 1924  
Incorporated May, 1925  
The First and the Only Society of the Hebrew Deaf in Chicago  
Socials and cards, first Sunday of each month from October to and including June. Literary and other special programs announced in the Chicago column from time to time. For further information, write to Mrs. Louis Wallack, 2935 N. Avers Ave., Chicago, Ill.

## Our Savior Lutheran Church (For the Deaf)

A. C. DAHMS, Pastor  
1400 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
Services—10:00 A.M., May to September; 2:30 P.M., October to April.  
Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Preaching in the sign-language. Hearing friends invited to special services. We preach salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.—"Come and we will do thee good."  
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## Los Angeles, Cal.

After contributing news items to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL for the past six years I am now turning the responsibility for this column over to Mr. J. A. Goldstein. He has been a resident of Los Angeles during the past five years and has a wide acquaintance with the deaf in this city.

Mr. Goldstein is a graduate of the Mt. Airy, Pennsylvania, School for the Deaf, class of 1916, an Gallaudet ex-21; Secretary of the Cosmopolitan Club since 1932, Secretary of Los Angeles Division, No. 27 N. F. S. D., since 1935, and a former associate editor of the *Silent Broadcaster*. Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, who have been married fourteen years, have three bright children. I am sure his contributions will be interesting to the readers of this column.

Beautiful Easter services of the Temple Baptist Church were conducted in the Philharmonic Auditorium, Fifth and Olive Streets, on Easter Sunday, at 11 A. M. A section of seats near the platform was reserved for the deaf, of whom nearly a hundred were present. Mrs. Mildred Capt interpreted the sermon of the pastor, Dr. Ralph Walker and the hymns of the great vested choir. The deaf were fortunate to have these reserved seats as the immense auditorium and all the six galleries were crowded, and overflow meetings were held in other halls of the building where amplifiers were installed. This is Dr. Walker's first Easter in Los Angeles. During his opening remarks he gave a special welcome to the deaf and said he was proud to have them present and that they could feel the place is their home. The above service was attended by the writer, but friends inform us that there was also a good attendance at Episcopal services for the deaf at the new chapel attached to St. Paul's Cathedral, Sixth and Figueroa, conducted by Rev. Clarence Webb; and at the Lutheran Church, 18th and Cherry Streets, conducted by Rev. G. Ferber.

On the afternoon of Easter Sunday there was a surprise birthday party honoring Mrs. Gertrude Phelps, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Larson, attended by about thirty of her friends. She received many nice presents; after these had been admired the game of "Progressive Cootie" was played, which takes quickness rather than talent in drawing the pesky little insect. Late in the afternoon a nice luncheon was served, consisting of shrimp salad, minced ham sandwiches, olives, coffee, and for dessert cake and jello. A lovely birthday cake was made by Mrs. Larson, for this event which was Mrs. Phelps' first big party. First prizes at Cootie were won by Mrs. C. Billmire and Frank Pearce, second by Mrs. Pope and Mr. Wilder, third by Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Floyd Mount.

A serious accident happened to Mr. Omar Harshman on April 6th, who was hit by a laundry truck driven by a woman. He was happy about his new job on the new WPA project recently opened for the deaf at Manchester and 8th Avenue, a community garden project. Mr. Harshman had just parked his car and started to cross the street to the job when he was hit. A number of witnesses saw it happen and held the woman responsible. Mr. Harshman was taken to the Hawthorne hospital. The latest report is that he has broken several broken ribs and is threatened with pneumonia.

Mr. J. G. Woolverton is seriously ill at his home at Arcadia. He had a relapse after flu and on account of his weak heart, his doctor has forbidden visitors.

Mr. Ollie LaMont, son of the late Mrs. LaMont, is in charge of the

deaf men on the garden project mentioned above. The WPA Women's Sewing Project which has been delayed has finally been opened. Mrs. Allard, daughter of Mrs. Fuller, is the interpreter and forelady in charge.

Mrs. Mildred Capt. reports that one week recently she placed 57 handicapped persons and the week before 42. She has had letters from Connecticut and Arizona asking how she found jobs for the deaf and handicapped. The picture of those she selected for the movie project penetrated to New York City and a paper here has sent her office 1123 S. Hill, a lovely copy done up in colors. All of which goes to show the value of publicity.

We had a pleasant chat with Mr. Baxter Gamble, the producer of the picture, "Flying Hands." The picture will start just as soon as the producers have found the most beautiful deaf girl in America. This picture will employ two casts, first the deaf actors on the screen and the speaking off stage, which will not be seen. For instance, if a deaf boy is telling his girl friend in signs that he loves her, a voice off stage at the same time will say the same thing. "Flying Hands" is a musical comedy, with plenty of dances, songs and laughs.

Mr. Gamble, who wrote "Flying Hands," the business manager, Alex McLaren, and the director, B. A. Carre, wish to thank all the schools for the deaf for their co-operation.

Fred W. Meinken will have a part in the picture as a waiter, and there will be a deaf Japanese cook. The producers are also looking for a deaf orchestra to be used in the picture.

The first reports about Eugene Ernest's injury were not correct. He is in the French hospital with two broken vertebrae. Just before the accident, the park superintendent had remarked about the good record of the deaf crew in Arroyo Seco Park—no accidents—when this tree-climbing job happened along. There was not time to explain to the deaf what to do, so Mr. Ernest climbed the tree himself. His friends hope for his recovery. ABRAM HALL

After conducting this column for six years, "Abram Hall" has called it a day, and turned over the reins to us. Six years on a paper is a long time, yet we wonder how many of the readers actually know who Abram Hall is. Hails from Iowa, formerly on staff of *Silent Worker* from 1922 until its "demise" in 1929. Wrote "Angelenograms" for it and also contributed to the *Deaf American*, been living in Los Angeles for the past fifteen years. Is none other than the venerable and lovable little lady, Mrs. Augusta K. Barrett, pleasant and modest to the 'nth degree, has labored long and well for the deaf thru the medium of this paper, striving always to be fair and impartial and is sincerely deserving of your gratitude. If we do half as well we shall feel content.

The annual Easter Dance given by the C. C. D. on April 11, drew the regulation Easter crowd. New Easter duds noted here and there. Max Gamble, embryo director and producer of "Flying Hands," was looking on, and being introduced to embryo actors and actresses. Acting as judge, he picked Mesdames Rasmussen and Goldstein for first and second place, respectively, as best dressed ladies of the night. Suitable cash prizes were awarded. Miss L. Strong won the bank night prize.

The L. A. Hebrew Society of the Deaf celebrated the Passover on April 7th, at the Hebrew Home for the Aged, a special room being assigned to them. Services were in charge of Rabbi J. M. Cohen, formerly of New York but now executive Director of the Jewish Community Centre. Joe Greenberg

acted as interpreter. The story of the Passover was simply but forcefully described. Ethel Himmelschein gave beautiful rendition of "God is Might." Due thanks were given to President Greenberg of the Society, through whose untiring efforts the program was arranged, and to Rabbi Cohen for taking charge of the ceremonies.

The ladies of our fair city have gone in for a new fad. Every first Saturday of the month when the Frat's have their meeting, the ladies will have a party, then after the Frat meeting, the various hubbies, sweethearts, or friends have to call on the ladies to escort them home. There were two such parties on April 4th, one given by Mrs. Homer Moulder; the other by Mrs. Isadore Krasne. The former was quite original, it being a kiddie party for grown-ups, and from reports it went over big, but we cannot help remarking how much better it might have been had the boys been there, too, (?). To make a long description short, everyone had a grand good time.

A good program of events has been prepared for the merry, merry month of May as follows: Movies of Kansas City Convention and side show on May 2d, auspices of Division No. 27. Charity Ball, Banquet and Show on May 9th, at C. C. D. Hall, given by Sunshine Circle. Picnic at Arroyo Seco Park, May 10th, auspices W. P. A. deaf-mute project. May Dance by C. C. D. on May 16, Decoration Dance and Bridge Party on May 30th by Division No. 27.

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## Minnesota and Tennessee Decline National Tilt

No Vikings from the Northland will hurl themselves on our civilized races when the Second Annual National Deaf Basketball Championship tournament opens at the Edgewood (Pittsburgh) school, closing the Conference of Executives, April 24-25.

The Rebel Yell of Tennessee will not strike terror in the bosoms of "them darn Yankees" from the East.

Winning the Mid-West meet by a hair, Minnesota finds itself unable to make the long voyage for lack of funds. Understand their state funds do not have athletic allotments, and their athletic treasury is low. Might be, hereafter, each sectional tournament can vote part of the gate to ship its winners to the National. The sectional meets to help build-up the National, and the National's prestige thus helps build up the sectionals. Good thing all around.

Supt. A. C. Manning, airmails me special delivery, the National will have but two teams—the unbeatable New Jersey "Skeeters," and the Illini Indians. Both won their sectional tournaments to qualify. As the East has not won a National deaf title since Edgewood's 1932 all-star combine of Stangarone-Puzowsky, the odds are that Burbank's ball-bounders will scalp Burns' battlers. But New Jersey lost its bright star of a year ago—the celebrated Rodman; while Illinois has for star an Indian whirlwind named Wells, a real half-Indian, who looks and acts as bloodthirsty as any Geronimo or Sitting Bull.

This is the first year Minnesota athletes have ever scintillated in deaf National merit, though the hearing Minnies are esteemed the best football team in America. Minnesota U. rose to eminence slightly over twenty years ago, through the coaching of Dr. Williams, a son of deaf parents, who devised the "Minnesota shift," which was later adapted and improved on by Knute Rockne. By the way, did you know that when Rockne and Dorias were players, their center was a deaf man?

Genn Smith, afterwards Frat alternate to Atlanta's '21 convention That Notre Dame team of 1911-1914 with its deaf center, started the Irish skyrocketing.

Tendering a formal invitation to Tennessee, which humped-over several Southern schools, the annual Southern tournament seemingly having busted-up is the answer of the All-America Board of Basketball to the question formally submitted by Coach Fred Tell of Arizona: "Is the National Deaf tournament restricted to winners of tourneys only? Or do far-flung teams unable to enter a tournament have any chance at the National?" Coach Tell made it plain that his team is still too young and new to seek the crown, but he wants to know Arizona's chances for the future, just in case.

Any time Arizona, or California, or some other isolated school, feels it has a logical contender for the National, and can somehow make the 3,000 mile round-trip, we of the Atlantic seaboard will welcome those cowboys with open arms. For "horse-sense" and a spirit of fair sportsmanship are what make athletics so popular.

Supt. Manning will have his hands full handling the huge Conference of Executives as probably over forty Superintendents of our schools, will be present, so is relying on E. H. Davies of the All-America Board for service as his understudy or lieutenant. Davies, now a Normal Fellow at Gallaudet College, training-ground of so many popular superintendents of our schools, was coach of that championship Edgewood team of 1932; before that was a U. of Pitt star up to 1924. Coach Robey Burns of Illinois, a veteran tournament-handler, will naturally be on deck. The other two men of the All-America Board, Coach Edward Foltz of Kansas and myself will likely hug the hearth to keep the home fires burning.

Final selection of the All-America Board's "Twenty Best Boys" will be made at, or shortly after, the National. By agreement, no team gets more than one man on the coveted list, except the winner of the National, which may (possibly, perhaps) land a second man. Deadline for copy for Spalding's Basketball Guide for 1937 is May first—which makes speed and dispatch imperative. While athletic excellence is paramount, no man makes the list unless his character and influence are "oked" by superintendent and coach, thereby making the All-Americans truly models for their schoolmates to pattern after.

By the time this reaches most readers, the National will be over. New Jersey, having a well-balanced, smooth-working team, rates a 5-4 favorite—it won 23 out of 25 games this season. Illinois lost three regulars already, one broke his ankle in play; one ran away from school; one reached age 19, the limit, in mid-season. The other two regulars are Wells the half-Indian, and that Wayne Otten who won two medals in the 4th World's Deaf Olympic in London last summer, 2nd in the 100 and 3d in the 200-meters. Two speedy men, yes, but three of the Jersey team would be on the four-man relay team competing in the U of Penn relays that very day; if the Pittsburgh flood had not caused extension of original dates for the tournament.

Coach Robey Burns of Illinois was American coach of the amazing American team to the Deaf Olympiad, taking two of his own boys (Otten and Chudzikiewicz) and winning four medals against the pick of Europe last summer. But "Burns' luck" can't last forever, and spectators at the National will likely see the fastest sprinting display ever put on the floor.

J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

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WE ARE indebted to our esteemed and valued friend, 'T. G. Arden' for a copy of his most recent adventure into the realms of poesy, under the title of "Personal and Holiday Poems," in which he greets some of his personal friends in verses of judgment and fancy. It is a dainty little book of some two-score pages.

The pieces to his living friends, replete with sentiments of good-will, cannot fail to be appreciated, while those dedicated to the memory of former intimate associates, who have passed to the beyond, will recall pleasing memories to others who were also acquainted with their excellent qualities. The verses appeal to one's emotional and artistic senses, affording evidence that the author's inactive ears are yet active to rhythm, increased by imaginative and inventive power revelling in zest for beauteous rhymetical creations.

Mr. Teegarden's style runs over a multitude of subjects, giving evidence of a tentative memory, with natural inspiration indicated by movement from one idea to another with steady direction to a definite end. His little book is a pleasing reminder that the passing years have rendered his spirit of fancy more fertile in the expression of beautiful thoughts.

EDUCATORS of today generally pride themselves as living in an age of progress in all lines leading to advances in the cause of correct educational adjustment. Still we come across warnings that progressive ideas may turn out to be altogether too rapid and not productive of the desired results so confidently expected.

Dr. J. R. McGaughy of Teachers College, Columbia University, told one of the section meetings of the New York Society for the Experimental Study of Education that there is real danger in moving toward new ideas and principles before laymen,

and even teachers and supervisors, understand and are sympathetic to them. Commenting on the growing use over the country of progressive methods, he said that he regarded the intelligence test as the weakest point in all our measurements, on which most progressive ideas are based. He added that "I sometimes regard intelligence tests as almost vicious." He believes in a more flexible program that would enable pupils to move so that promotions would be a matter to be worked out.

Mr. Walter A. Anderson, supervisor of instruction in the Minneapolis schools, stated that some cities have gone further than New York City in introducing new ideas, such as abolishing arithmetic for pupils below the third year and elimination of report cards for all pupils in the first three grades. He predicted that within a short time other progressive ideas, including 100 per cent promotion of pupils, abolition of grades and report cards throughout the system, would be adopted. Asked if this were "just a pipe dream of your own," brought the reply, "No, this is definitely the handwriting on the wall."

In another of the section meetings of the society, another group of educators discussed the importance of improving the caliber and professional attainments of teachers. The speakers declared that understanding and effective application of the new concept of education as being primarily an emotional adjustment rather than a transmittal of erudition was depended upon obtaining in the teaching profession a higher type person than we have been getting in the past. From which it may be inferred schools for the hearing are meeting the same difficulties in securing men and women of superior intelligence and capacity as teachers.

MR. FREDERICK H. MEEDER, for many years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes, and for the past ten years its Treasurer and member of its Finance Committee, has found it necessary on account of failing health to relinquish the office of Treasurer.

Mindful of his valuable services in the administration of the financial affairs of the Mission, the Executive Committee, of which he has been a leading member, at its April meeting put on record the subjoined preamble and resolution as a slight acknowledgment of his long, faithful and efficient service:

WHEREAS, The members of the Executive Committee of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes learn with sympathy and deep regret that, after years of faithful and efficient service, Mr. Frederick H. Meeder, Treasurer of the Mission, has felt that the condition of his health and of his business affairs require him to relinquish his office as Treasurer of the Church Mission; be it

Resolved, That in receiving the resignation the members of the Executive Committee desire to express their sincere appreciation of his great service to the Mission, especially during the recent years when he has labored generously and uninterruptedly in his efforts to advance the interests of the Mission and of the Gallaudet Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.

## The Church Mission to the Deaf

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## PHILADELPHIA

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Back in the dear old days beyond recall, say in the early twenties, there used to be a powerful deaf basketball team that always struck terror in the hearts of any team they had as rivals. They were known as the Silent Five and they never batted an eyelash if they played every day in the week and twice on Sunday. 'Tis true, my friends, 'tis true. Many of you readers will remember them as I write off the roll. There was John Stanton, he with the dead eye, and Joseph Balasa, one of the prettiest dribblers ever, at the forward posts. John Dunner, who often bumped his head on the ceilings, manned the center position. At guard there was Howard Ferguson, who admits he played better than he writes these columns, and Harry Dooner, so little he was often stepped on, but who had a hobby of passing out ciphers to his opponents scoring.

Why all the hullabaloo, one may ask? Oh nothing, but these same fellows, save in two exceptions, once more took to the wooden ways on Saturday evening, April 11th, 1936, under the new name of "Old Timers," to do combat with the present Silent Athletic Club five, up at Mt. Airy.

Stanton, suffering from a touch of pleurisy, could not play, but he did the managing.

Balasa, far away in old Kentucky, where he teaches the deaf boys how to thread a needle, could not be present.

The other three were at their original positions with Arthur Seward and Bob Mahon, both of whom saw service with the Silent Five, taking the two vacancies up front. John Leach and Edward Evans, two of the original substitutes, substituted some more.

Well, how time has changed them! Dunner needed a derrick to lift himself, Fergy admitted he writes better than he played, and Dooner, too fat to step on now, was very liberal to his opponent's scoring.

But in spite of all this, and throughout forty minutes of huffing and puffing, they were able to give the youngsters quite a tussle, holding them even for three-quarters of the game.

When the blessed bell sounded to cease hostilities the score stood 36 to 26 in favor of the S. A. C. Line-up:

Old Timers		Silent A. C.
Mahon	F	Waxman
Seward	F	Green
Dunner	C	Gasco
Ferguson	G	Holmes
Dooner	G	Wieland

Oh yes, a right smart crowd was on hand to witness the affair and for the balance of the evening dancing was indulged in to the strains of a three-piece orchestra.

The Easter Bunnies were very kind to most all of the local deaf on Easter day, but in the case of Mr. William A. Rowe, said bunnies were very liberal. Instead of colored eggs they left a hale and hearty seven-pound baby boy at their abode. So accordingly it has been named Franklyn Adrian Rowe. Both mother and baby, in the Chestnut Hill Hospital, are doing well. Thank you.

Atlantic City, famous for its Easter parades, attracted many of the deaf to its famed Boardwalk on Easter. Among those seen on the wooden way were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis O'Donnell, Mr. John Walsh, Mr. Mully Cohen, Mr. John Kail, and Mr. A. Seesholtz.

The Carl Fragns of Wilmington, Del., spent part of the Jewish holidays at the home of Mr. Fragns' mother in Scranton, Pa. They reported having a good idea of the havoc caused by the recent floods up state.

The parents of Mr. Robert Coley, of Mt. Airy, gave him a birthday party on Friday evening, April 10th, in which twelve of his relatives and friends were invited. Mr. Coley was the recipient of many nice gifts.

Another birthday party, in the form of a surprise, was tended by his friends to Mr. Howard Ferguson, on Saturday evening, April 11th. Twenty people were awaiting his return from the basketball game at the Ferguson hang-out. A most welcome present, a suede zipper jacket, was presented to him, the gift of the men friends.

Mr. Harry Dooner underwent a minor operation late last March, for the removal of a small tumor on his forehead.

A letter just came from Allentown from Mr. Willard Randolph. He states the Lehigh Association of the Deaf is getting ready for its eleventh annual banquet to be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at seven o'clock, daylight saving time. The place will be the Hotel Traylor at Fifteenth and Hamilton Streets, Allentown. Tickets will be \$1.50 per cover (family style). Music, dancing, and entertainment will follow. This is published for the benefit of the local deaf populace who generally turn out in droves for these well known banquets of the L. A. D.

## An Equal Education

Three bills have been introduced in the Legislature with a view to giving the hard-of-hearing or deaf children a chance to get the education promised to all the children of the State. The first bill requires every physician, nurse, parent or guardian having in charge a child under 6 years of age who is totally deaf or of impaired hearing to report the fact to the State Commissioner of Health, who is required to report to the Commissioner of Education and who in turn must make provision for the child's instruction. A second bill requires the State Commissioner to provide for audiometer tests in schools. The third provides that minors between the ages of 3 and 18 who are not able to benefit materially by the schools must be sent to suitable schools for the deaf or hard-of-hearing.

This legislation is but a step toward making possible an equal education for all the children of the State—an equal education meaning not the same for all (which might mean little or nothing for some) but with such variation and adaptation as will make the instruction of equal value to those of impaired senses or faculties.—*Editorial from N. Y. Times, April 15th.*

## Adult Deaf, Please Notice

After months of planning and hoping and waiting we are happy to announce that the government authorities have consented to co-operate with us in offering to the adult deaf who are interested, a program for additional vocational education if enough students apply for instruction. The details of the plan have to be worked out, but we hope to be ready to begin the work early this summer. Our school term closes about the middle of June, and our class rooms will be available for government classes immediately.

We shall be glad to hear from our adult deaf friends who are interested in joining summer vocational classes in our school. They will please state what subject they wish to study.

The government authorities will provide teachers if we can secure a reasonable number of applicants for classes for which we are equipped. We can provide for classes in woodwork, printing, painting, cooking and dressmaking.—*The Western Pennsylvanian.*

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# OHIO

The thirty-eighth yearly report of the Ohio Home seems somewhat shorter than formerly, but is full of interesting facts, some of which I have selected as being of interest to the JOURNAL readers:

The officers, at present, are Miss Bessie MacGregor, president; Mr. J. C. Winemiller, vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Neutzling, secretary; Mr. Casper Jacobson, financial secretary; and Mr. A. J. Beckert, treasurer. Rooms have been furnished and are maintained by these seventeen societies:

The Columbus Ladies' Aid Society, the Columbus Advance Society, Clonian Society (at the school), the Ohio Home Circle (Cincinnati), the Canton Society, the Cleveland Welfare Society, the Piqua-Wapakoneta Society, Toledo Ladies' Aid, Dayton Ladies' Aid, Springfield Ladies' Aid, M. E. Church Ladies' Aid (Cincinnati), Eastern Ohio Ladies' Aid (Bellare) Anderson Club, Akron Society, Southwestern Ohio Association, Ohio Divisions N. F. S. D. The income from the dairy for the year was \$1,408.07. Poultry and eggs netted \$76.30 and the live stock \$343.53.

The total amount of fruit and vegetables canned from the Home orchard and vegetable garden was 1536 quarts, enough for a whole winter's use.

The amounts spent by the maintaining societies were:

Ohio Home Circle	\$ 25 88
Clonian Society	33 00
Anderson Club	10 80
Dayton L. A. S.	12 00
Toledo L. A. S.	18 56
Piqua L. A. S.	13 31
Springfield L. A. S.	33 35
Cleveland Association	30 00
Columbus Advance	16 80
Akron Society	10 00
Columbus L. A. S.	170 85

It was hoped that the class contributions of one dollar each a year would bring in a large sum as there are so many former students; but, so far, this has been disappointing. All hope Alumni members will wake up this year and do better towards their fine Home. Applications for admission to the Home are falling off—probably because of the old age pension. The Home now has twenty-seven women and twenty-one men residents.

The Columbus Chapter of Gallaudet College Alumni Association meets April 25th, at which time the election of officers comes off, followed by entertainment and refreshments.

What is no surprise to her deaf friends is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Bessie Lawson, girls' supervisor at the school, to Mr. Frank Kieffer, of Cincinnati, as all were expecting to hear the news. Surely both are to be congratulated as they are a fine couple. Miss Lawson will be greatly missed by her Columbus friends and the school.

From the *Cameron News* of Cincinnati, I learned of the death of Miss Louise Fessenbeck of that city. She was hurt in a fall in March and was getting along nicely in a Cincinnati hospital when death came suddenly. She is survived by one sister, Julia. Miss Fessenbeck was for years a teacher in the Cincinnati Day School till it became an oral school. She and her sister had many friends who are sorry to learn that Julia is now left alone.

Mrs. A. H. Staubitz, wife of Rev. Staubitz, pastor of the Cincinnati M. E. Church, is recovering in a hospital from a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Lippert, of Cincinnati, engineered a very good surprise on Mr. Wm. Suttka for his birthday March 21st. The sixty present presented Mr. Suttka with \$25. Of course all were treated to refreshments and a jolly good time was enjoyed.

April 17th seems to be a big date for the Ohio deaf. That is the date

for the bowling tournament in Cleveland which promises to attract hundreds of deaf folks from everywhere. On the same date the Columbus Frats have a banquet at Fort Hayes Hotel to which every one is invited, provided he or she has the price to pay for the dinner. This is a sort of memorial banquet honoring the late Mr. F. P. Gibson. The main speaker is to be Mr. Morris Bristol, of Flint, Mich. Then in Cincinnati April 18th is the date for the promised Orange Blossom Vaudeville, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Bender.

The editor of the *Silent Missionary* has in the April number an excellent editorial entitled "A Raw Deal in the Education of Deaf Children" which everyone interested in the deaf should read. It begins by saying: "Methods of instruction employed in American schools for the deaf may not appear very important to the general public. They often appear less important to parents and teachers of the deaf than to the adult deaf." How true this is? He closes with the verse you see weekly at the top of the JOURNAL's editorial page.

## Gallaudet College

By Felix Kowalewski

The boys and girls are still away at camp, so there is not much news for this column this week. However, they will return on Monday, the 20th, and then there'll be plenty of material for next week's column.

All the alumni within commuting distance, as well as other deaf of Washington and vicinity, are urged to take in the movie show for the benefit of the Alumni Reunion Entertainment Fund, which will be given in Chapel Hall at eight o'clock on the evening of Friday, April 24. A small admission price will be charged to all, but a fine movie entertainment is promised.

Under the captaincy of Big Joe Burnett '37, the Blue track squad is getting in shape for its opening meet with Randolph-Macon College, which will be run off at Hotchkiss Field on Saturday afternoon, April 25. Among the newcomers who will receive their baptism of fire in the collegiate track war are Will Rogers in the shot putt, Rex Lowman in the century, Richard Phillips in the hurdles, and John Henji in the two-mile.

Spring has at last really come to Gallaudet. Our campus is known for its great variety of trees and they are all especially beautiful at present, some in pink, white, or red blossom, and others spangled with bright clusters of fresh green buds and budding leaves. The lilacs near the Gym are in blossom and give out a sweet fragrance. When the students get back from camp, it will be an especial pleasure to go walking over the campus during the evening hour after dinner.

## New York City Notes

A presentation of the three short subjects which won the "best" awards in their various classifications is featured for the week beginning Friday at the Trans-Lux Theatre, Broadway and 49th Street.

The shorts are Robert Benchley's comedy, "How to Sleep," "Wings Over Mount Everest," a pictorialization of the famed airplane flight over the world's highest peak, and "Three Orphan Kittens," Walt Disney's Silly Symphony cartoon. A half hour of new events completes the program.

Messrs. Alex H. Evans, Jr., John B. Davis and William S. McCord were visitors in the city on Saturday afternoon, April 18th.

Louis Hagan, the butter and egg man, is not depressed at all, as he is in the wholesale line and business is picking up. Louis expects to bask in the sun at Rockaway Beach as usual this summer.

## NEW YORK CITY

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The Theatre Guild drew around five hundred to see its latest presentation of the dramatic art at the Heckscher Theatre last Saturday evening. After an opening address by the president, Dr. Edwin W. Nies, the following program of seven numbers was presented, and was well received by the audience that came for an evening of entertainment, culminating in numerous after-theatre dinner parties.

### I—"THE CONGO"

A recitation by George Lynch

### II—"THE MINISTER'S MISTAKE"

By Mark Twain

The Godfather ..... Robert Fiedler  
The Godmother ..... Dorothy Havens  
The Minister ..... James P. McArdle  
The Baby .....  
Courtesy of Ginsberg's Bargain Basement

### III—"THE TIMID SOUL"

The Helpful Friend ..... Robert Fiedler  
The Timid Soul ..... Herbert Carroll  
The Father ..... M. Philip Monaelleser  
The Daughter ..... Iona Dibble

### IV—"THE HURRICANE"

(Adapted and Directed by George Lynch)  
Lighty, the Simple-Minded Cook's Helper ..... Emerson Romero  
Moran, the Tough First Mate to Whom Duty Always Comes First ..... Geo. Lynch  
Matroni, the Second Mate ..... Wolf Bragg  
O'Fallon, the Third Mate and Friend of Lighty ..... Edgar Bloom, Jr.  
Little, the Religious Boatswain's Mate ..... Herbert Carroll  
Kessler, Chief Stoker ..... James P. McArdle  
Orfield, First Class Seaman ..... Frank Heintz  
"Hook" Stromberg ..... Pierre Blend  
"Shorty" Colloni ..... Daniel Aellis  
First Coal-Passer, Second Coal-Passer, Etc.

The drama of an old freight carrier foundering in a hurricane 300 miles off the coast of China. The water is leaking into the holds faster than the broken-down pumps can keep it out. The story tells about the reaction of the crew under such circumstances and its tragic ending.

### V—"NIZE BABY"

(With Apoplexies to Milt Gross)

"Nize Mans" ..... Emerson Romero  
"Nasty Mans" ..... Robert Fiedler  
"Nize Baby" ..... Emma Corneliussen

### VI—"NIZE BABY BIG GIRL NOW"

"Songs and Poems" ..... Miss Corneliussen

### VII—"YANKEE DOODLE"

Recitation by Charles McBride

The Deaf-Mutes' Union League at last Thursday's business meeting voted \$25 to aid the N. A. D. to enact a bill in the New York Legislature in the interest of the deaf. The bill in question is to have all deaf children who come to the notice of physicians reported to proper authorities, and also for parents of deaf children to do the same, so that the children will be sent to proper schools.

William Lustgarten, whose presence was a familiar figure in his father's department store on Washington Heights, is fraternizing more at the Union League since the store closed. He holds a minor office in the Manhattan Division Frats. He stated that he will continue his annual summer vacation as before.

The baseball fever has struck the deaf just like the hearing fans. Quite a number were in attendance at the opening game between the Giants and the Dodgers on April 14th. Mr. Abraham Barr attended not only the opening game, but also the second game. Mr. Capelle was present at the third game, and states that the ninth inning was the most thrilling he ever saw.

Mrs. Nancy E. Witmeyer, of Stamford, Conn., died last Wednesday, April 15th, at the age of seventy-six after an illness of six weeks. She is survived by a son and two sisters, all of Stamford, Conn. She was buried in Woodland Cemetery. She was educated at the Hartford School.

Mr. William H. Klein, a non-resident member of the Union League, died at his home in Philadelphia, Pa., on the 6th of April. Cause of death was double pneumonia.

A baby boy weighing six and a half pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Gleischer on April 16th.

# SEATTLE

The monthly luncheon at Mrs. True Partridge's home, Thursday, April 9th, was especially nice as reported to the writer, Mrs. Wright, by the ladies who stopped at her residence, a few blocks walk. Instead of bridge, 500 was played and the prizes went to Mrs. Arthur Martin and Mrs. A. H. Koberstein.

The writer was prevented from attending on account of a minor accident, a fall from the auto on the home grounds.

Mrs. Olof Hanson has several offers to lease her home, furnished or unfurnished, but she is undecided yet. She may leave in June to go to Pittsburgh on a visit with her sister and thence to Washington D. C., where her daughter, Mrs. Alice Hanson Jones, resides.

On Good Friday Rev. Jansen, of Seattle, invited the deaf to his church and Rev. W. A. Westerman interpreted the interesting sermon to a good sized gathering.

Easter Day, there were services, lovely singers, Easter lilies and communion at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, for the deaf, conducted by Rev. W. A. Westerman.

P. W. A. workers have been making considerable progress at the Seattle parks and beaches. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown, living near beautiful Golden Gardens on the Sound, strolled down the beach last Sunday. When the Browns returned home several friends appeared for a game of bridge of which there were two tables. A jolly time was had, which happens nearly every week.

Jack Bertram left his job in Jacksonville, Ill., and came back to the "Charmed Land" last month because of the unsuitable climate to his health. He secured employment here immediately with an engraving firm. All of his friends are pleased to have him home again.

After four years of living at a Bellevue apartment, Mrs. Editha Ziegler, her son and daughter, moved to the Fremas apartment on East Madison and 18th, where they have nicer and larger rooms. Mrs. Ziegler has been employed at Northwestern Envelope Manufacturing Co. for 12 years. Herbert Ziegler is working in one of the job printing offices, hoping to become a printer some time.

Mr. and Mrs. True Partridge visited the chicken ranch of Harry and George Oelschlager near Alderwood Manor last Sunday. The young men have 2400 laying hens, 2000 young pullets and 150 breeding roosters. Mrs. Partridge prepared the cold chicken, previously roasted by the boys and all enjoyed the luncheon. They have creamy milk from their own Jersey cow.

Miss Sophia Mullin was at Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reeves' ranch for the week-end recently, and said the Reeves' new chicken house was completed and that the 295 pullets were placed in it. Mrs. Reeves' mother is on her way to California with relatives for a month's recuperation.

Karen Moe, five months old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright, was christened at the University Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday in the presence of her mother and father other relatives and friends. The baby had on a long white baptismal dress. Mrs. E. Ziegler and Mrs. Pauline Gustin witnessed the ceremony.

## PUGET SOUND

April 12, 1936

## Silent Athletic Club, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa.

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## Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 5 Fairholt Road N, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

### TORONTO

Last week the deaf people of Toronto were electrified by the announcement that the Evangelical Church of the Deaf has received a donation of \$25,000 from Mr. Samuel Carter, of Guelph, Ontario, the money to be held in trust, enabling the church to pay a minister's salary. Mr. Carter requires that the minister be one who can use the sign-language. The congregation will be required to contribute several hundred dollars in addition for their minister's salary.

Mr. Carter offers to advance money for rendering the back part of the church a more suitable place for a minister's home. We all think this is a wonderful gift and feel doubly blessed since our church had just paid its last cent of debt before receiving Mr. Carter's gift.

Mr. Carter is a retired business man, living in Guelph. He ran a hosiery factory for many years, but sold it several years ago.

He has a deaf daughter, Mrs. Penprase, who is a fine girl. We feel deeply indebted to Mr. Carter for his magnificent gift. Now that we have the money we are wondering who our first minister will be.

We had our Bible conference from April 10th to 12th. There were about fifty visitors. The conference was a good success, especially in a spiritual way.

The new feature of the conference this year was a short play, "The Challenge of the Cross," directed by Miss Lowson, with several young girls as players.

The babies of Mr. and Mrs. E. Crocker and Mr. and Mrs. Goulding were baptized by the Rev. Mr. Robb on Sunday.

Mr. Robb surprised the audience by his wonderful improvement in the sign-language. He took up the study of the sign-language last year, and despite his advanced age and the fact that he is a very busy man, he has managed to master it. Mr. Robb has our heartiest congratulations. Many Easter bonnets were seen at the conference, in spite of the inclement weather.

Mrs. F. Harris and Mrs. F. Doyle gave Mrs. Youngs, of Chicago, a farewell party at the former's home on April 13th. About twenty-five people were present to wish Mrs. Youngs well before she departed to the "Windy City" the next day.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Bell, of St. Thomas, Mr. Eames, a visitor at our Bible conference, told us. The couple have our best wishes and felicitations.

Miss Nellie Patrick is going to see Mr. and Mrs. Bell after her visit in Toronto.

The Young People's Society has decided to hold its annual picnic at Port Dalhousie, an ideally situated place for bathers and picnickers. Anybody who wants to come with the Young People will be very welcome.

### HAMILTON

Will readers please note that the price of the JOURNAL has now been reduced to \$2.00 a year or \$1.00 for six months to Canadian subscribers. This also makes it easier to send a subscription, as a one or two dollar bill could be enclosed with subscriber's name and address without the extra expense of getting a postal money order. A receipt for each subscription will be enclosed in the first copy of the JOURNAL.

Residents in Toronto should pay their subscriptions to Miss Lucy Buchan who will forward them to me. Also any of the deaf who may be visiting in Toronto may pay subscriptions to Miss Buchan.

On Friday evening, April 3d, twenty-five members of the social club of Hamilton Association for the Deaf were guests of Half Century Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in the Jackson Street Knights of Pythias auditorium and thoroughly enjoyed an interesting and instructive outline of journalism by W. J. McCulloch, news editor of the *Spectator*.

Mrs. Carl Harris interpreted for the deaf guests and it was truly novel for the uninitiated to realize that they were following the talk as closely as if they were in full possession of their senses. They thoroughly enjoyed Mr. McCulloch's reminiscences of big "news breaks" in Hamilton and swift, exciting moments on the copy desk.

The chances for educational entertainment are so rare for these unfortunates that they take full measure of every such outing afforded them and, under the system as operated by Mrs. Harris last evening, they constitute an even more intelligent audience than if their hearing were not impaired.

After Mr. McCulloch's very interesting address, a game of euchre was enjoyed; prize winners being respectively Mrs. Carl Harris and Mr. Joseph Taylor.

The very pleasant evening ended with the serving of refreshments.

On Saturday evening, April 4th, a card party was held in the Pythian Hall, under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. Salmon. A number of their hearing relatives were present and there was a good turnout of the deaf. Seven tables of euchre were played, and the prize winners were as follows: Ladies—1st, Mrs. Daffoe; 2d, Mrs. Breen; 3d, Mrs. Lloyd. Men—1st, Mr. Manning; 2d, Nathan Holt; 3d, Dennis Armes. Prize drawing—Mrs. Crockwright and Mr. Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lloyd and Mrs. Goodbrand, of Brantford, attended the party and everyone had an enjoyable time. The sum of seven dollars was collected for the convention fund—the same amount which was made at my party in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor will hold the next card party on May 2d, and it is up to them to beat this joint record.

Mrs. Rees, of Toronto, is spending a couple of weeks here, with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Breen and family, who are always glad to have her with them.

Mr. Fretz, Mrs. Taylor's father, who has been in failing health for some time, suffering from asthma and heart weakness, has now become quite helpless and his doctor thought it advisable to have him removed to the General Hospital on Thursday last. It is not expected that he will recover.

### KITCHENER

Miss Vera Cronkwright was here on Sunday for the first time since she and her parents removed to Elmira last October. They have not been successful in finding work there, so are to return to Chesley again.

Bert, son of Mr. W. Hagen, will be discharged from the Freeport Sanatorium in May, and we hope his health and strength will continue to improve.

Mr. Cowan, of London, took charge of the service here on Sunday, April 5th, and gave a good sermon on "God's way of Salvation." Mrs. A. Martin rendered a beautiful hymn.

There was a large attendance at the service, Mr. McLaughlin bringing a carload of friends from Toronto to add to the congregation.

Mrs. F. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. F. Doyle, of Toronto, and Mrs. Young, of Chicago, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. C. Golds' and later the whole party went down to Speedville and had a nice time with Mr. and Mrs. I. Nahrang.

Mr. John Forsyth was with us again and is looking very well, but says there is no work to be had in Elmira.

Mrs. M. Nahrang, of Hagsville,

spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Black.

### LONDON

Mr. Charles Ryan, of Haysville, was in London over the first week-end of April on a combined pleasure and business trip.

Miss Mildred Volk, who has been employed as housekeeper for several months, has returned to her home at Munro, Ontario.

An enjoyable party was held on Friday evening, April 10th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pincombe, Emery Street, on the occasion of Mrs. Pincombe's seventy-fifth birthday. Games and cards were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served at the conclusion.

George Munroe, of St. Thomas, has been seriously ill recently from an attack of "flu." At last reports he was showing marked improvement.

A letter was received in London in the second week of April from Toronto, announcing the birth of a seven-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Hall on April 3d. Mrs. Hall is formerly Florence Garside, of this city. Congratulations.

George Reeves, of Toronto, will conduct the service at the London Y. M. C. A. on Sunday, May 10th, instead of June 7th.

A spring wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, April 11th, at Preston, Ont., when Albert Fisher, only son of John F. Fisher, Edward Street, was married to Amy Roszel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Roszel, Burwell Street. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Harvey Moyer, uncle of the groom, and brother of Mrs. Levi Fretz, of Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher left for Hamilton and other places.

Eddie Payne, who is employed as linotype operator on the Windsor *Daily Star*, won a radio at a recent church raffle in Windsor. Well, Eddie, what will you do with the radio, as you are deaf?

Mrs. George Pepper had a pleasant visit from her brother, Earl, of Palmerston, who dropped in to call on her recently on the way from Tilbury, Ontario.

Arthur Cowan delivered the service at Kitchener on Sunday, April 5th. A good-sized congregation showed up.

John F. Fisher will be the speaker at Stratford on Sunday, April 26th, and Wesley Ellis, of Toronto, at Woodstock the same day.

Herbert Wilson went to Detroit for Easter to witness a hockey match between Windsor and Detroit.

A. M. ADAM.

## Miami, Florida

There was a turn-out of the Miami deaf for the funeral of Robert O. Blair Tuesday April 7th at 8 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Hiller of Trinity Episcopal Church read the service, with Mr. Edward Ragna interpreting. At the conclusion the Miami Frats filed past the coffin of their brother who had helped found the 106 Division in Chicago.

A large party of friends accompanied Mrs. Blair and her two children to the Royal Poinciana Express which left Tuesday night at 10 p.m. There were more deaf on hand than the old station had ever seen at one time. It was a lively scene while the good-byes and good wishes were exchanged. The Blairs occupied a compartment.

The large pier party Saturday afternoon April 11th, which might have welcomed William A. Renner of the JOURNAL on an Easter trip to Miami, turned into a beach party. Mr. Renner was unable to get away, though Miami was full of visitors from the interior and west Coast who came for the Easter holidays. The beaches were crowded. The life-guards were very accommodating to our party in watching over our things

and taking photographs for us. This was no doubt, because we had the prettiest girls on the beach. The water was 86 degrees temperature and the combers did not tumble too hard. A shark-fishing schooner chartered by hard-boiled fisherman, passed close to the shore with sharks dangling from the davits. Among those in the party from out town, were Bessie Henderson, Winter McNeilly, Callie Blount and others. There must have been two score deaf bathers on the stretch of beach from the Roney-Plaza to Minsky's Pier.

Bessie Henderson and Mary Stonestreet came to Miami in the car with Rev. and Mrs. Philpott. The girls stayed with Mrs. Blount and the Philpotts with the Rous. A goodly congregation was present at the services Easter morning in the White Temple. All enjoyed the inspiring sermon. After a bounteous buffet luncheon given by Rutha Curtiss at the Blount's house, Rev. and Mrs. Philpott and party left for Fort Worth to preach there at 3 p.m. Easter was a perfect summer day in Miami.

Charles McNeilly and party went to Miami Beach for the Easter sunrise services, but the water was too cold for a dip.

Arthur Powers of Chicago, placed his big car at the service of the Blair funeral party and joined with the large group which dined at the Alcazar restaurant. He assisted in transferring the large party and baggage from the Blount apartments to the railroad station. The following Thursday, April 9th, Mr. Powers left for Palm Beach for some deep-sea fishing. He is headed for New York, stopping along the route, before returning to Chicago.

The Easter Sunday meeting of the D. A. D. was transferred to the Miami YMCA, owing to the debris of construction on the Schatzkin grounds. Among the visitors was Mr. Pope of West Palm Beach. To select a definite meeting place, and to plan for a party following the meeting, a committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Paul A. Blount, Mrs. Charles Schatzkin and Miss Hope Jaeger. President Paul A. Blount being ill, Vice-President Charles McNeilly, Jr., presided.

The League Easter Party will be held Friday April 17th at the home of Mrs. J. K. Wilson, 544 N. W. R. 40th Street. Mrs. Wilson is president of the local League, a hearing woman of rare charm and an exceptional hostess. She has a deaf son at the St. Augustine School.

April 18th, Saturday evening, Rev. Fletcher will give a reading, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" by Victor Hugo. Sunday, April 19th, at 3 p.m., he will preach at the mission at Trinity Episcopal Church N. E. 16th Street Miami.

The next Frat-D. A. D. meeting followed by a party, will take place May 10th. The place and details will be announced later by Secretary Rou.

Elizabeth Chambless, herself deaf, was featured in the Poetry Column of the *Miami News* Sunday, March 29th, which printed three of her poems. She is the author of a book: "Easy Lessons in Lip-Reading," and teaches at Dr. Carlson's private School at Miami Beach. Her poems are included in the Sidney Lanier Anthology. Last year she taught a class in lip-reading at the Florida State College for Women, and among her students were five faculty members, including scholarly Ph.D.'s.

E. R.

April 14th.

### St. John's Chapel, Detroit, Mich.

Morning service at St. John's Chapel, on Vernon Highway and Woodward, by Rev. Horace B. Waters, at 11 o'clock.

Communion service every first Sunday in the morning.

Bible Class at St. John's Parish House, 33 East Montcalm Street, Room 2, at 3:45 p.m. All welcome.



### Finding Two Birds' Nests

By John Burroughs

I consider myself lucky if, in the course of a season, I can pick up two or three facts in natural history that are new to me. To have a new delight in an old or familiar fact is not always easy, and is perhaps quite as much to be desired. The familiar we always have with us; to see it with fresh eyes so as to have a new pleasure in it—that is a great point.

I think one never sees a bird's nest of any kind without new pleasure. It is such a pretty secret, and is usually so well kept by the tree, or bank, or bit of ground that holds it; and then it is such a dainty and exquisite cradle or nursery amid its rough and wild surroundings—a point so cherished and cared for in the apparently heedless economy of the fields or woods!

When it is a new nest and one long searched for, the pleasure is of course proportionally greater. Such a pleasure came to me one day last summer in early July in the finding of the nest of the water-thrush or water-wagtail.

The nest of its cousin, the oven-bird, called by the old ornithologists the golden-crowned thrush, was familiar to me, as it probably is to most country boys—a nest partly thrust under the dry leaves upon the ground in the woods, and holding four or five whitish eggs covered with reddish-brown spots. The mother bird is in size less than the sparrow, and in the color is a light olive with a speckled breast, and she is the prettiest walker to be seen in the woods.

The water-accentor or wagtail is a much rarer bird, and of a darker olive green. As the color of the oven-bird harmonizes with the dry leaves over which it walks, so the color of the wagtail is in keeping with dark-veined brooks and forest pools along which it flits and near which it nests.

With me it is an April bird. When the spicebush is in bloom along the fringes of the creeks, and the leaves of the adder's-tongue or fawn lily have pierced the mold, I expect to hear the water-thrush. Its song is sudden, bright and ringing. It contrasts with its surroundings like the flowers of the bloodroot which you may have seen that day.

It is the large-billed, or Louisiana water-thrush of which I am speaking. The other species, or New York water-accentor, is more rare with me, and goes father into the mountains.

The large-billed is a quick, shy, emphatic bird in its manner. Some birds like the true thrushes, affect one as of a serene, contemplative disposition; there is a kind of harmony and tranquillity in all their movements; but the bird I am speaking of is sharp, restless, hurried. Its song is brilliant, its movements quick and decisive. You hear its emphatic chirp, and see it dart swiftly beneath or through the branches that reach out over the creek.

I proceeded carefully to explore the pile of driftwood, and especially the roots of an upturned tree which it held. I went over the mass almost inch by inch several times. There was a little cavern in it, a yard or more deep, where the light was dim; a little translucent pool of water formed the floor of it, and kept me from passing its threshold. I suspected the nest was in there amid the roots or broken branches, but my eye failed to detect it.

"I will go on with my fishing," I said, "and return to-morrow and lay siege to this secret."

So on the morrow I returned, and carefully secreted myself on a mossy bank a few yards from the pile of driftwood. Presently the parent bird came with food in its beak, but instantly spying me, though I

fancied that in my recumbent position and old gray clothes I simulated well an old log, she grew alarmed and refused so approach the nest.

She flitted nervously about from point to point, her attention directed to me and uttering a sharp, chiding note. Soon her mate came, and the two birds flitted about me, peering, attitudinizing, scolding. The mother bird is always the bolder and more demonstrative on such occasions. I was amused at her arts and feints and her sudden fits of alarm. Sometimes she would quickly become silent, and stealthily approach the entrance of the little cavern in the pile of driftwood; then, her fears and suspicions reviving, with emphatic chirps she would try again to penetrate the mystery of that motionless, prostrate form on the bank.

The dead branch of a tree that slanted down to the bed of the stream near me was her favorite perch. Inch by inch she would hop up it, her body moving like a bandmaster's baton, her notes sharp and chiding, her wings slightly drooping, and bringing first one eye and then the other to bear upon the supposed danger.

While she was thus engaging my attention, I saw the male quickly slip into the little cavern with loaded beak, and in a moment reappear. He ran swiftly along the dry pebbles a few yards, and then took to wing, and joined in the cry against me. In a few moments he disappeared, presumably in quest of more food.

Then the mother, after many feints and passes and false moves, and half-fearful of her own rashness, darted into the little cavern also. Then she shot out from it on nimble foot, as had her mate, then took to wing, and to fresh peering and abuse of the strange object on the bank.

The male was soon on the scene again, and after a little flourishing, entered the shadow of the cavern as before. Then, after a longer interval, the female did the same.

Their suspicions began to be lulled. They had seen many fishermen, a few every day for weeks, and had grown used to them; they had gone on about their business; but this one that tarried and seemed bent on finding out other people's business—here was cause for alarm!

In less than half an hour I felt sure I had the birds' secret—I had seen in the recesses of the little cavern the exact spot where they seemed to pause a moment and then turn back. So I approached the spot confidently; I got down on my knees and charged my eyes to find it.

I am surprised that they seem baffled. At the particular niche or shelf in the mass of roots they report only moss or moist stones—not nest there. I peer long and long. The little pool of limpid water keeps me five or six feet away.

Well, there must be some unseen hole or cavity in there which leads to the nest beyond the reach of the eyes. But I will watch again and be sure. So I retreat to the bank, and the same little comedy or drama is played as before.

At last I am positive I can put my hand upon the nest. I procure a fragment of a board, bridge over the pool, thrust my head into the dim light of the cavity, and closely scan every inch of the surface. No nest, says the eye. When I will try another sense. I will feel with my hands.

Slowly my hand explores the place; presently it touches something soft and warm at the very spot where I had seen the birds pause. It is the backs of the young birds; they have flattened themselves down until their beaks are on a level with the top of the nest. They have baffled the eye because, in the scant light, they blend perfectly with their surroundings and just fill the depression of the nest. The hand, going behind form and color, finds them out. I felt that I had penetrated one of the prettiest little secrets in

all the woods, and got a new glimpse of the art and cunning of a bird.

The young were between down and feather, of a grayish slate color, and they played their part well. At my approach they would settle down in the nest till, instead of five, they became one, and that one a circular mass of dark bluish stone or fragment of bark. When I withdrew or concealed myself, they would raise up and their individual forms become outlined.

Another new nest which it was my luck to find the past summer was that of the worm-eating warbler, a bird of the Carolinian fauna, that heretofore has not been known to breed in our state—New York. It was a new find, then, in a double sense, new to me and new to the ornithology of the state.

One day in early June, as I was walking along a path on the side of a bushy hill, near dense woods, I had a glimpse of a small brown bird that dashed away from the bank but a few feet from me. I took it to be the ovenbird.

Looking to the spot from whence it started, I saw a bird with a striped head standing on the edge of a nest in the side of the shelving bank, with something white in its beak. I saw the heads of the young birds beneath, and took in the situation instantly; I had surprised the mother bird while she was waiting upon her young. She stood motionless, half-turned toward me, and kept the white mass in her beak.

Neither of us stirred for a minute or two, and the other parent made no sound, though he lingered but a few yards away.

Presently I slightly withdrew and sat down a few paces away. The male bird now became quite uneasy, and flitted from bush to bush and uttered his alarm chirp. The mother bird never stirred. I could see her loaded beak from where I sat. In two or three minutes she dropped or otherwise disposed of her morsel, but kept her place above her young. Then her mate, taking his cue from her, quieted down and soon disappeared from view.

After long waiting I approached the nest, and pausing ten feet away, regarded it some moments. The bird never stirred. Then I came nearer, and when I sat down within four or five feet of the nest the bird flew out upon the ground before me, and sought to lure me away by practising the old confidence game that birds so often resort to on such occasions.

She was seized with incipient paralysis in her members; she dragged herself about upon the ground; she quivered and tottered and panted with open beak, and seemed on the point of going all to pieces. Seeing this game did not work and that I remained unmoved, she suddenly change her tactics; she flew up to a limb and gave me a piece of her mind in no equivocal terms. This brought the male, and true to his name, he had a worm in his beak.

Both now joined in the scolding, and the rumpus attracted a vireo to the spot, who came to see what the the warblers regarded his presence as an intrusion.

The nest was in the edge of the bank where the soil was broken away a little, and was mainly composed of dry leaves and pine needles. The young, five in number, were probably a week old.

I came again the next day, found the bird sitting on the edge of the nest as before, and ready, when I disturbed her, with the same arts to lure me away. I paid frequent visits to the place thereafter till the young had flown.

The song of the male—a fine, rapid, intricate warble—was frequently heard. This warble may be instantly known by its olivaceous color and the four sharp black stripes on its buff-colored head. It is one of the prettiest and most interesting of the warblers.

### St. Ann's Church for the Deaf

511 West 148th Street, New York City  
Rev. GUILBERT C. BRADDOCK, Vicar  
Church Services—Every Sunday at 4 P.M.  
Holy Communion at 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.  
first Sunday of each month.  
Office Hours.—Morning, 10 to 12.  
Afternoon, 2 to 5. Evening, 7 to 9. Daily except Sunday.

### Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month except July, August and September, at St. Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Mr. Benjamin Ash, Secretary, 518 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Miss Anna Feger, chairman of the Entertainments, wishes to remind all of the socials the last Saturday of each month. From the Nevins Street station (I. R. T. subway) or the DeKalb Avenue station (B.M.T.), take the DeKalb trolley car and stop at Adelphi Street.

### Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, Inc.

Meets second Sunday of each month except July and August, at the Hebrew Educational Society Building, Hopkinson and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.  
Services and interesting speakers every Friday evening at 8:30 P.M., at the H. E. S. English Class, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 o'clock sharp, from September to May, at P. S. 150, Sackman and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.  
Irving Blumenthal, President; Louis Baker, Secretary, 1625 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

### Deaf-Mutes' Union League, Inc.

Club Rooms open the year round. Regular meetings on Third Thursday of each month, at 8:15 P.M. Visitors coming from a distance of over twenty-five miles welcome. Benjamin Friedwald, President; Joseph F. Mortiller, Secretary, 711 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

### Knights and Ladies of De l'Epee Sick and Disability Association of New York

For Catholic Deaf, between Ages of 16-55 Meets at 8-12 Nevins Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., on second Saturday of each month. Socials on every fourth Saturday.  
Dues are from 25c to 65c per month. Sick benefits \$5.00 to \$10.00 per week, for eight to ten weeks in a year.  
For full information, write to either Edward J. Sherwood, President, 858 Fifty-third St. Brooklyn, N. Y., or Mary Kennelly, Secretary, 41-03 Fifty-second St., Woodside, L. I., care of Reilly.

### Hebrew Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.

Temple Beth-El, 76th St., Cor. 5th Ave.  
Meets Third Sunday afternoon of the month.  
Information can be had from Mrs. Tanya Nash, Executive Director, 4 East 76th Street, New York City; or Charles Sussman, Secretary, 1641 Sixty-fifth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Religious Services held every Friday evening at 8:30. Athletic and other activities every Wednesday evening. Socials and movies First and Third Sunday evenings.

### Ephpheta Society for the Catholic Deaf, Inc.

248 West 14th Street, New York City (BMT and 8th Ave. Subways at door)  
Business meeting First Tuesday Evening  
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ALL WELCOME  
For any information regarding Ephpheta Society communicate direct to either:  
George Lynch, President, 712 East 237th St., New York City.  
Charles J. Spitaleri, Secretary, 241 East 113d St., New York City.

### Special Employment Service for the Deaf

In New York City three schools for the deaf, New York School, Lexington School and St. Joseph's School, maintain a Special Employment and Vocational Counseling Service for the Deaf. This service is in cooperation with the New York State Employment Service at 124 East 28th Street, New York City. Miss Margarette B. Helmle, the Special Representative, is in charge.

Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 12 A.M. and 2 to 4 P.M., also Fridays from 9 to 11 A.M., without appointment. Appointments may be made for other days by letter or telephone. If you are working and wish to talk about your job with Miss Helmle, she will be glad to see you after working hours, by appointment.

Miss Helmle will be glad to consult with any deaf person needing assistance in employment, work problems, vocational training advice, or any other problem you may wish to discuss with her. She may be able to help you settle misunderstandings and difficulties regarding your work, salary, or any other troubles that may need adjusting, so that you will be able to keep your job.



## Fast Thinking

At the last performance of the Theatre Guild of the Deaf at The Heckscher little did the audience realize some things that went wrong, and the fast thinking of several members of the "The Hurricane," especially that of Mr. George Lynch, that saved the play. To those who saw the thrilling melodrama, they will remember that when James P. McArdle, as Kessler the mutinous stoker, rushed at Mr. Lynch with a shovel he was stopped by a shot fired from a pistol held by Mr. Bragg. Staggering from his flesh wound, McArdle drew his own pistol from his hip pocket and Mr. Bragg was supposed to fire two more shots to finish him.

By some strange whim of fate, Bragg's pistol missed fire—not once but twice. What a predicament! However, the fast thinking of Mr. Lynch saved the play from turning out into a farce. He grabbed McArdle by the wrist and forced him to the floor, and with the assistance of others carried him out.

Later, when the first explosion was supposed to take place, it seemed that the fuse of the giant firecracker was not burning fast enough. This delay was unnoticed by the audience because the entire cast, realizing the situation, rushed around and did a lot of exciting acting, not in the original manuscript, until the firecracker went off.

It was very fortunate for the Theatre Guild to have such an intelligent cast who were able to think quickly when things went wrong. They conducted themselves like veterans, especially the newcomers making their debut.

To Mr. George Lynch goes the bulk of the credit for his magnificent directing and acting as Moran, the tough first-mate. The consensus of opinion among those in the lobby after the performance was an indication that the Theatre Guild of the Deaf has at last arrived, and more, has established itself as the leading source of entertainment among the deaf. Its fame has grown to such proportions and spread so far that numerous out-of-town faces were seen among the audience. It is hoped that the Guild will make its future performances an annual feature for the entertainment of the deaf.

Especially surprising was the many new faces that were seen on the stage for the first time. Miss Emma Corneliussen made quite a hit with her recitations and her impersonation of the baby in "Nize Baby" in which she was assisted by Mr. Robert Fiedler and Mr. Emerson Romero. She was the recipient of a lovely basket of flowers at the conclusion of her act and was heartily applauded. Her charming manner captivated the crowd.

Mr. Robert Fiedler, as the Master of Ceremonies, exceeded by far the fondest expectation and faith that Mr. Romero had in him. Appearing for the first time on any stage, he conducted the program and acted in several sketches like a veteran. He was roundly applauded after his last appearance on the stage.

Mr. Edgar Bloom, Jr., also making his first appearance was a surprise of the evening, not only because of the fact it was his debut, but because he handled an important part flawlessly and impressively. He shows promise and will be seen again in many future shows of the Guild.

Mr. Pierre Blend, as "Hook" Stromberg, was another actor making his initial appearance who carried out his small part very well. Also remembered were the small but important and well acted parts held by Messrs. Vladimir Mazur and Daniel Aellis as the coal passers. All in all the play went over big, if one is to judge its merits by the reaction of the audience.

The cooperation of the entire staff of the Guild was all that could be

asked for. Mr. Arthur Kruger handled the difficult job of stage manager without a slip and was aided by Messrs. Radlein and Johnson in the handling of the numerous details backstage. Mr. Franz Ascher and his committee Messrs. Edgar Bloom, Jr. and Gilbert Michael turned out a very attractively printed program.

Henry Stein, Jr., took care of the complicated job of handling the tickets in ship-shape, and Mrs. Margaret Call and her group of attractive usherettes saw to it that everybody got their seats and were made comfortable. Mr. Joseph Call was there as usual, seeing to it that the incoming horde did not try to crash the gates.

Lastly it must not be forgotten that Catherine Gallagher did more than her share of acting as interpreter. She attended numerous rehearsals that lasted long into the night, was there with helpful criticisms and suggestions, many of which were used and she has the wholehearted thanks of every member of the Guild for her help—from the President down to the lowliest participant. She was an important factor in the success of the performance.

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Prof. Hughes is unquestionably one of the best signmakers of the present era—using pantomime all through his reading. His last reading at the League's Hall on 125th Street some years ago was greatly enjoyed by the rank and file. His recent reading in Ohio was what their correspondent called a "corker." Don't fail to miss this treat.

## National Association of the Deaf

At this writing the Livingston Bills sponsored by the N. A. D., the New York League of the Hard of Hearing and the New York State Medical Society will be on the floor of the Senate for discussion and action. These bills have to do with compulsory attendance of deaf minors at schools for the deaf, audiometer tests, and to require doctors and nurses to report to the Health Officer of the community cases of deafness of children not attending school, in order that they may be directed to a suitable school.

Mr. Livingston has taken a zealous interest in the bills, but unless there is a strong manifestation of the desirability of such bills being enacted into laws, Mr. Livingston's and the various committee's work will have gone to naught. Therefore, it behooves all the deaf of the State to write their Senator and Assemblymen at once asking their favorable action on each of these Bills.

The N. A. D. Preliminary Education Legislation Committee has been working on a "virtual shoestring." It has given consideration to the finances of the N. A. D. which are needed for the executive functions of the association. Yet it could not avoid the primary financial obligations concerned with the legal phases attendant on these Bills. We believe there are among the deaf of the State many who are always ready to lend a helping hand to further a good cause. It is with this confidence that the committee makes an appeal for funds to pay the costs of preparing and pushing these Bills through the Legislature.

At this writing we have unofficial information that the Deaf-Mutes' Union League has been the first to come forward with a donation of \$25 toward the fund. Any others who de-

sire to contribute may remit to Jere V. Fives, Chairman, 605 West 170th Street, New York City.

Acknowledgment will be made in the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL.

JERE V. FIVES, Chairman,  
N. A. D. Preliminary Education  
Legislation Committee.

*Welcoming a River.*—In the long coastal desert of Peru, which is some 2000 miles in length, but only 120 miles broad at its widest part, the rivers, Major A. F. Sears says, disappear in the dry season and begin to flow again in February or March when rain falls in the Cordilleras. One of the most important of these rivers is the Piura, the return of whose waters is welcomed with great rejoicings by the inhabitants of its banks. About the time when "the coming of the river" is expected, eager inquiries as to the progress of the water are put to all persons who chance to come from the head of the valley, and when the water approaches the town of Piura processions go out to meet it, and escort its first trickling stream down the dry riverbed with music and fireworks. At the outskirts of the city thousands of people greet its arrival. The valley of the Piura is said by Major Sears to produce excellent cotton, although its possibilities in this respect are not well developed for lack of systematic irrigation. Once in a period of from five to seven years rain falls upon the coastal plain, whereupon, with magic quickness, grass and flowers covers it, and cattle browse in its pastures, but in a few weeks everything withers, and desolation reigns once more upon the barren sands.

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